

# FISCAL NOTE

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Title Therapeutic Courts BRU Alaska Court System  
Component Trial Courts  
Sponsor Rep. Porter  
Requester Senate Finance Component No. 768

### Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services	397.8	486.9	486.9	486.9	486.9	486.9
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment	24.0					
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>421.8</b>	<b>486.9</b>	<b>486.9</b>	<b>486.9</b>	<b>486.9</b>	<b>486.9</b>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )						
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### FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	421.8	486.9	486.9	486.9	486.9	486.9
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>421.8</b>	<b>486.9</b>	<b>486.9</b>	<b>486.9</b>	<b>486.9</b>	<b>486.9</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

### POSITIONS

Full-time	8	8	8	8	8	8
Part-time						
Temporary						

### ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached.

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SCS CSHB 172 (JUD)  
Fiscal Analysis  
Alaska Court System  
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Senate Committee Substitute for CSHB 172 (JUD) allows the court system to establish a pilot court in Anchorage and another in Bethel for the prosecution and treatment of defendants who are addicted to alcohol. The focus of these therapeutic courts will be those charged with multiple DWI offenses.

The court system and the Department of Law estimate that the Anchorage court will see 80 defendants a year, and the Bethel court will see 15 cases the first half-year and 45 cases a year in years two and three.

Therapeutic courts are resource-intensive for the court system. They require defendants to appear regularly before the judge to report on progress and to appear for sanctions if they have failed to meet the program requirements. In order to meet this additional workload, and because the Anchorage and Bethel courts are already beyond their carrying capacity for felony cases, this bill calls for a new superior court judge in each location.

The superior court judge position in Bethel will replace the current district court position in that location so the fiscal impact is the difference between a district court judge and a superior court judge.

In both Anchorage and Bethel, a superior court judge position comes with a law clerk, a secretary, and an in-court clerk. The Anchorage position includes a court clerk to coordinate and schedule the therapeutic court procedures. This fiscal note includes one-time expenses for equipment for the judges and their staff.



# Alaska Court System

## Therapeutic Drug Court SCS CSHB 172 (JUD)

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<u>Positions for Bethel</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>FY02 Cost</u> <u>Position Cost</u>	<u>FY03 Full Year Cost</u> <u>Position Cost</u>
Superior Court Judge (6 months)	82A	\$ 72,821	\$ 145,642
Law Clerk (6 months)	13D	\$ 30,777	\$ 61,553
Secretary (6 months)	12A	\$ 26,336	\$ 52,671
In-Court (6 months)	10A	\$ 23,378	\$ 46,755
Equipment (3 desks, 3 chairs, 3 computers)		\$ 9,000	\$ -
Total Superior Court Judge Position & Staff		\$ 162,311	\$ 306,621
Less: District Court Judge FY01 Funding (6 months)		\$ (64,161)	\$ (128,321)
Net Funding Required for Bethel Positions		\$ 98,150	\$ 178,300
<u>Positions for Anchorage</u>			
Superior Court Judge	82A	\$ 138,467	\$ 138,467
Law Clerk for Superior Court Judge	13D	\$ 48,130	\$ 48,130
Secretary	12A	\$ 41,997	\$ 41,997
In-Court Clerk	12A	\$ 41,997	\$ 41,997
Court Clerk	10A	\$ 38,018	\$ 38,018
Equipment (5 desks, 5 chairs, 5 computers)		\$ 15,000	\$ -
Funding Required for Anchorage Positions		\$ 323,609	\$ 308,609
Fiscal Note Total		\$ 421,759	\$ 486,909